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Man Pleads No Contest to Stealing Hearse With Remains Inside

A 53-year-old man pleaded no contest today to stealing a hearse containing a body awaiting burial, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ronnie Skipper entered his plea to one felony count of driving or taking a vehicle without consent and was immediately sentenced to 32 months in state prison.

On Dec. 27, 2014, police received a call regarding a hearse carrying a casket with a body inside that was stolen from a church in the 4900 block of Avalon Boulevard.

Authorities searched for the vehicle and soon after found Skipper behind the wheel being held down by several people who had chased the hearse from the church.

Case BA432478 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.